

REGULAR WORKSHOP

MAY 13, 1991

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, May 13, 1991, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, and Commissioner Wilson Holley. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Charles McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding the electrical wiring of the Courthouse.

Mr. Buddy Thompson of the Walton County Correctional Institution, advised the Board that Walton County could work a crew of prisoners for five 8-hour or four 12-hour days. The only liability Walton County would be responsible for is to furnish tools and supervisors for the prisoners. The prisoners would be used to pick-up garbage and recycling items in the County. The Walton County Correctional Institution would furnish lunch and beverages for the prisoners. The County would be responsible for furnishing transportation. Mr. Bell addressed Mr. Thompson on the process of a crew being placed at the landfill. Mr. Thompson advised the Board to prepare a letter requesting the number of inmate laborers Walton County would like and submit to him. Mr. Thompson also advised the Board to prepare a letter to Congressman Vince Bruner regarding the need for more correctional officers. Private prisons were also discussed.

Commissioner Holley asked Mr. Bell when the Recycling Center would be in operation. Mr. Bell advised the Board that a conveyer belt system and a front-end loader are needed before the recycling program could operate. Mr. Bell advised the Board that he and Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, are visiting local counties and gathering information regarding how their recycling programs are operating.

Mr. Bell requested the Board to waive Bid procedures on

purchasing new ambulances for the County. Bondy's Ford in Dothan, Alabama will rechassis the vehicles for \$42,407.00. The Board agreed to review this issue during the Regular Meeting on May 7, 1991.

Mr. Rick Marcum appeared before the Board requesting the Board pave a portion of a road approximately 3 acres off Jolley Bay Road in Freeport. This would allow access for ingress and egress to the prospective development of Freeport Aero Technologies Services which would employ twenty-five new employees. Vice-Chairman Miles advised Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, to gather more information on the cost of paving that portion of the road, and present the information before the Board in the next Regular Meeting.

Mr. Marcum requested the Board to continue to allow the Airport Authority to research an appropriate site plan. Vice-Chairman Miles advised the Board that the citizens in his district are against the chosen site at First American Farms. The Board agreed to discuss this issue at a later date.

Mr. Hilton Galloway of Marsh and Carr Associates, presented the Board with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Board discussed at length the report findings.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised the Board of his research on an appraisal of the property adjacent to the Walton County Health Department. Guss Andrews Realty would provide a letter of appraisal for a fee of \$300.00 and Mr. Don Brown would perform a complete appraisal for a fee of \$800.00.

Mr. Bell advised the Board to renew their ad in the Walton County Chamber of Commerce Directory. Mr. Bell informed the Board that the fee for renewal this year is \$539.00.

Commissioner Holley advised the Board of an incident that happened to one of his employees who had an appointment out of town to pick up a piece of equipment and did not have money for gasoline or for an emergency that might have arised. Commissioner Holley, therefore, advised the Board of a need for a petty cash fund for the County employees to use for such purposes.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the City of DeFuniak Springs Planning Department requires a letter from the Board of County Commissioners requesting permission to demolish the old jail building behind the Courthouse.

Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Board presenting the results of the bids for paving Campground and Archie Henderson Roads. The low bid was \$24.75 per ton for type S-1 asphalt from Couch Inc.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and advised that the compactor at the landfill was not operating properly and needed repairs. Mr. Hudson advised the Board that the Holmes County Commissioners offered the use of their compactor as long as necessary at no cost to the County.

Mr. Hudson introduced Mr. Lamar Peterman, Professional Engineer, to the Board. Mr. Peterman addressed the Board and gave a brief history of his past employment and offered his services to the Board and Walton County.

Mr. Hudson presented the Board with information regarding the cost of converting the property beside the Walton County Fair Ground Building into an additional parking lot. The estimated price for 880 cubic yards of clay base, 310 tons of type S-1 asphalt, and services for an engineering firm would cost approximately \$13,700.00.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk